GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:217
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2003
BRAHMAPUTRA BOARD
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Brahmaputra Board constituted in 1980 to control floods of Brahmaputra river is likely to be reconstituted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the new Board would start functioning;

(c) whether the Government propose to give more financial powers to the Board;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have extended the jurisdiction of Brahmaputra Board to North Bengal in respect of areas falling within the Brahmaputra basin; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during his visitto North East in January, 2000, had desired toreform the Brahmaputra Board and make its functioning more effective for implementation of flood management schemes. Keeping this in view, Brahmaputra Board has framed a proposal for its revamping which is being examined for necessary amendments.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.